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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS

During the past several years there have been a number of attempts to start a paper for the members of the Southern California Congregational Conference. But each time, for one reason or another, it has been given up. The feeling persists, however, that we need an organ to inform our constituency of what the Conference is doing and what different churches are doing in the way of progress and development of new ideas and methods.

It is also true that we ought to know more of what the Northern Conference of California is doing. In many respects we have common problems and similar interests which are in a sense peculiar to the Pacific Coast. We ought each to help the other, co-operating in every way possible.

So now comes the proposal to join with the Northern Conference in the publishing of "The Pacific," making it an all-California Congregational news sheet. The Pacific is the oldest religious paper on the Pacific Coast, and already has not only a definite standing in the state, but also a fairly large circulation.

The Pacific is not an organ of opinion but will publish only the news that will be of interest to every Congregationalist in California. It will sell the interesting and important events to come, the work and activities of the Conference as a whole, and the news of the churches. It is not primarily for the pastors, it is for every one and will contain information which all ought to have.

The subscription is only twenty-five cents a year, but it will be worth many times that much in the interesting information it will contain. Some churches may wish to subscribe for a considerable number of copies for free distribution among their members, although individual subscriptions insuring that the paper will be sent direct to the home is the ideal way. We ought to have at least 2000 subscriptions from Southern California within the next few months. Subscribe at once and do not miss a single issue, for to be intelligently informed on what our own denomination is doing in our own state is essential to real progress.

TAX EXEMPTION

Church officers should report at once to their county assessor the church property, with definite request for exemption.

INSURANCE

Leonard C. Ketchum & Son, 100 William Street, New York City, will make special rates for insurance for churches and parsonages. Under the plan which this firm has with the Congregational Church Building Society, it cannot make any distinction on protected and unprotected properties, but has one rate of 1 per cent on brick church buildings and contents, 1 1/4 per cent on frame church buildings and contents, and a rate of .75 on parsonages whether brick or frame, for three years' term. This is an average which is usually lower than can be secured locally. The contract is written under a blanket form without any co-insurance or valued clauses.

15TH ANNUAL RETREAT AND CONVOCATION

The 15th annual retreat and convocation for Congregational pastors in the Southern California Congregational Conference will be held at Avalon, April 18-22. Every Congregational pastor is cordially invited and urged to attend.

Free lodging. Special rates for transportation, \$1.35 round trip, Los Angeles to Avalon, of which 35c is for the Pacific Electric and \$1 for the Wilmington Transportation Co. Notify the conference superintendent for reservations on or before Wednesday, April 13; but come even if notice cannot be given in advance. Come if only for one day, but come on Monday and remain until Friday if possible, for this is the greatest occasion of the year for rest, recreation, fellowship, meditation, worship, study and inspiration.

Train leaves Pacific Electric station, Sixth and Main streets, Los Angeles, at 9 a. m. Come early to secure tickets and avoid the rush. Steamer leaves Wilmington at 10 a. m. promptly. Anyone planning to go directly from Wilmington should notify the conference superintendent on or before April 13 for the special tickets at \$1 each. Returning steamer leaves Avalon at 3:30 p. m.; train due in Los Angeles at 6:30 p. m.

The program will be about as follows:

Sessions begin Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p. m. in the church with greetings and brief addresses by Rev. LaRue C. Watson, pastor Avalon Congregational Church; Rev. Charles L. Knight, pastor LaJolla Congregational Church, and Rev. George F. Kennigott, Superintendent Southern California Congregational Conference.

Tuesday April 19: Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas, pastor First Congregational Church of Los Angeles on "These Sayings of Mine."

Wednesday, April 20: Rev. H. K. Booth, pastor First Congregational Church of Long Beach on "The Book of Books."

Thursday, April 21: President H. F. Swartz of the Pacific School of Religion.

In the mornings from 10 to 11:50 o'clock there will be discussions on the hillsides as follows:

Tuesday: Announcement later.

Wednesday: Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas on "The Everyday Life of the Minister."

Thursday: Rev. H. K. Booth on "The Book and Books." (Reports on books read).

Friday: Announcement later.

The meetings will be informal. Everyone is expected to participate in the discussions and contribute his part to the "feast of reason and flow of soul."

Come early and let's do each other good. At Avalon every prospect pleases and not even man is vile.

Finally, free transportation, at clergy rates, for all pastors of churches receiving missionary aid or whose salaries are less than \$1,500 and parsonage, or \$1,800 without parsonage. Bills will be paid on presentation. No allowance for Pullman or meals.

GEORGE F. KENNGOTT, Supt.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The Young People's Section for the Forty-first Annual Meeting of the Southern California Congregational Conference, will be held with the Redlands Congregational Church, Saturday and Sunday, May 7th and 8th, beginning at 3 p. m. promptly on May 7th and closing on Sunday, May 8th, at 5 p. m.

The Young People's Conference is designated particularly for "leaders and potential leaders," who have finished the ninth grade in school. The number of any one church will be limited to five young people, who are to be carefully selected by the church, which they represent, for they come in a representative capacity. If, however, a church has two groups of young people, then that church is entitled to three representatives from each group, making a total of six. Please see that these representatives are selected soon and that their names and addresses are forwarded promptly to Miss B. M. Holbrook, 18 West Olive Avenue, Redlands, for entertainment.

The Redlands Church will provide free entertainment for properly accredited delegates for Saturday night's lodging and breakfast and dinner on Sunday. It is expected that each one will pay 50 cents for the banquet on Saturday.

It is hoped that EVERY church will be represented. At our young people's gathering at Long Beach, the number from any one church was not limited and the result was that three or four of the large churches had great delegations and the smaller churches, with their lesser groups, were rather overshadowed. Therefore, we are asking for at least five from each church.

PROGRAM

Theme: "World Brotherhood"

MAY 7—SATURDAY AFTERNOON
3 p. m.—Registration.

4 p. m.—Roll call of churches, Kenneth Kingman, Oneonta Church, presiding.

4:45 p. m.—Address, "The Awakening of Youth Across the World," Rev. James L. Barton, Boston.

5:05 p. m.—Address, "The Ideal Relationship of Youth and Adult," Rev. Robert W. Gammon, Chicago.

5:30 p. m.—Devotional service, Rev. John Gardner, Riverside.

6 p. m.—Intermission.

SATURDAY EVENING

6:30 p. m.—Banquet, Horace Hinckley, Redlands, presiding. Mr. Charles Wolfe, leader of singing, "All We Are One," by representatives of various racial groups. Tickets 50 cents.

8 p. m.—Play, "The Alabaster Box," Redlands young people. In the church.

MAY 8—SUNDAY MORNING

9:30 a. m.—Worship period, in charge of the Church of Messiah, Los Angeles.

10 a. m.—Classes. Leaders: Miss Helen C. Babson, "The Challenge of World Brotherhood in the World of Today"; Miss Sarah E. Bundy, "Methods and Ideals for the Furtherance of World Brotherhood"; Mr. W. G. Pierce.

11 a. m.—Church service. Sermon by Rev. Herbert C. Ide. Subject: "Sirs, What If I Turned Christian?"

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

2:30 p. m.—Group meetings. Devotional, led by Natalie Waterman, Church of Messiah, Los Angeles. Recreational and Membership, Ernest Hobbs, president, League of Youth, San Bernardino. Program and Study, Gordon Walker, Mt. Hollywood Church Los Angeles. Service, Donald Meyers, First Church, Los Angeles.

3:45 p. m.—Vesper service at Kimberly Crest, Professor Raymond C. Brooks, leading.

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting of Conference, Redlands, May 7-11. Young people's section, May 7-8. On Monday morning, May 9, there will be addresses to ministers and others by Rev. James L. Barton of Boston, and Rev. Robert W. Gammon of Chicago. The regular business meeting begins on Monday at 2 p. m. and closes on Wednesday at noon.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION DAY

(Prepared by Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, Claremont)

Morning: Service of Recognition

Sermon on some phase of "The Ministry of Religious Education in the Church of Today"

Presentation of aims, policies and organization of local church school work by some of the leaders.

Noon: Service of Information

Luncheon of all the church school workers and friends. Round table discussion.

Measure local work by the international standards.

Formulate advance steps to be taken. Discuss freely and frankly local problems.

Evening: Service of Inspiration

Enthusiastic song service.

Report findings of afternoon round table discussion.

Inspirational address by some outstanding leader.

Suggestions

(1) Let Education Day be observed on May 1, if possible.

(2) Use the young people in the morning presentation of aims, policies and organization.

(3) Let the noon luncheon be a basket picnic so as to cause as little work as possible.

(4) Invite in some neighboring pastor or church school worker to conduct the round table discussion if that seems wise.

DRAMATICS

Miss Helen B. Willcox, experienced in religious dramatics, is now on the Pacific Coast. She is well known as the author of some of our best missionary plays: Larola, The Test, etc. Southern California is making use of her time during the month of May, and Northern California may have the same privilege. Miss Willcox is free for five weeks from June 5 to July 10. Any church or group of churches interested in conducting classes in religious dramatics can get in touch with her through Rev. Holland F. Burr, South Pasadena.

NEWS ITEMS KERN ASSOCIATION

Bakersfield—Pilgrim and Oildale. These two churches are making marked advance under the efficient pastoral leadership of Mr. James H. Price, formerly student at the Pacific School of Religion, who has been especially successful in organizing the boys in the Friendly Indians. The financial campaign has been launched for the much needed new building for Pilgrim, to be erected on the lots owned by the Conference, near the Williams School.

The pastorate of Rev. A. S. Donat begins auspiciously at First, Bakersfield, with increased attendance in the church services and the Sunday school and enthusiasm all along the line. The parsonage is being repaired and enlarged at a cost of \$2,500.

Maricopa rejoices in the pastorate of Rev. J. Freelan Johnson, who will bring his bride to the parsonage.

Miss Martha A. Reed, formerly connected with the A. M. A. in the South, serves Tehachapi and Monolith with a parish large enough for anyone.

Arvin—Rev. N. Luther Packard, pastor, welcomed hundreds of visitors to its great fields of Poppies, Lupines and Hyacinths.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

Rev. W. W. Hart has resigned the pastorate of the Buena Park church. Rev. A. M. Hanson recently began his pastorate at Glendale and Rev. Kenneth S. Beam at La Canada. Rev. Samuel Hitchcock has resigned the pastorate of the Mayflower church, in order to accept the call to the Pilgrim church, Los Angeles, and so Mayflower is vacant.

Rev. J. P. Miller, Superintendent of the Twin City Unions, spending his vacation in Los Angeles, served the Willowbrook Church with great acceptance as acting pastor for nearly two months after the resignation of Rev. C. N. Queen.

Plymouth and Mesa have merged happily under the name of Plymouth Church and recently dedicated the new house of worship at 54th street and Sixth avenue, the location of the former Mesa Church.

Venice will probably be compelled to move from its present location because of the widening of the streets and the filling of the canals.

Rev. A. B. Roberts has become the resident pastor at Norwalk; Rev. H. T. Wagner at Pacoima; Rev. C. E. Crawford, Superintendent of Mexican missionary work is recovering after a long illness; Santa Susana is pastorless.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION

Barstow, much in need of a house of worship, through the removal of the town to its new location, seeks funds for its building on the site purchased by the Conference. Rev. and Mrs. Isaac McRae deserve for their long and faithful service, fruition of their hopes and plans for that community.

Etiwanda has reluctantly said farewell to Rev. D. T. Thomas, who has served the church for two years, and has welcomed Rev. J. H. Mallows to its pastorate.

Highland seeks a pastor to succeed Rev. C. H. Davis, who has returned East.

Rev. Theo. Schauer serves the Moreno church alone, but with services in the Armada school house and the church building at Moreno.

Rev. J. H. Olmstead, pastor of the Perris Church, conducts a weekly service at Nuevo.

A Sunday school has been established at Glen Avon, near Riverside church. The Congregational and Methodist Japanese churches at Riverside have formed an organic union under the name of the Riverside Japanese Union Church.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION

Rev. Frank E. Knopf, at Calexico, Rev. John E. Berry at Seeley and Rev. Robert W. VanKirk at Calipatria are serving wide fields in the Imperial Valley under trying economic conditions, but with courage and success.

Plymouth, San Diego, rejoices in its freedom from debt and its ecclesiastical independence under the wise leadership of Rev. William Forshaw.

Will not some good friends give generously to the support of the Ocean Beach Church, Rev. Wm. I. Newman, pastor? A better building and a larger salary are imperative.

BOOKS

A list of the very best books for the various departments in Sunday School, designating those which are first, second and third best:

General

You Can Learn to Teach—Slattery—\$1.35
How to Teach Religion—Betts—\$1
The New Program of Religious Education—Betts—75c

Superintendent

Organization of the Church School—Cope—\$1.75
The Project Principle in Religious Education—Shaver—\$2.75
World Friendship Through the Church School—Lobingier—\$1.25

Cradle Roll

The Cradle Roll Department—Sudlow—60c
The Cradle Roll of the Church School—Chapin—\$1.25
Mother Teacher of Religion—Betts—\$1.50

Beginners

Kindergarten Method in the Church School—Baker—\$1.50
Methods with Beginners—Danielson—60c
Religious Education Through Story Telling—Cather—\$1

Primary

Primary Methods in the Church School—Munkres—\$1.25
Primary Story Worship Programs—Berg—\$1.75
Dramatization in the Church School—Lobingier—\$1.25

Junior

Curriculum of Worship for the Junior Church School—Crandall—\$2
Junior Method in the Church School—Powell—\$1.25
A Study of the Junior Child—Whitley—60c

High School

Intermediate Method in the Church School—McKibben—\$1.25
Leaders of Youth—Harris—\$1
The Psychology of Middle Adolescence—Moxcey—70c

Young People

Teaching the Youth of the Church—Maus—\$1.75
Handbook for Workers with Young People—Thompson—\$1.25
Youth Organized for Religious Education—Maus—60c

Adult

A Study of Adult Life—Soares—60c
Organization and Administration of an Adult Department—Barclay—70c

Order through the Congregational Book Room, 714 South Hill Street, Los Angeles.

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting of Congregational Women's Missionary Society of Southern California, Congregational Church, Ontario, April 26-28, beginning Tuesday with rally luncheon at noon. The meeting will close on Thursday at noon. The program is rich and varied; the business is of great importance. A large attendance is requested.

The program opens with a rally luncheon presided over by Mrs. Charles Richards. At this meeting Mrs. John Toomay will give the address of welcome and Mrs. Edward Gaylord the response. There will also be an address by Rev. Lawrence Wilson of San Diego and solos by Mrs. Hutchinson. During the afternoon addresses will be given by Rev. Allen Hunter, Miss Gertrude Gogin, Dr. Kennigott, and Mrs. C. S. Wilcox of New York. The dinner at which Mrs. Schulte presides will have for its main theme "The Voice of Youth," with the delegates to the Milwaukee Convention as guests. The evening session will be under the direction of Rev. John Toomay, closing with a dramatic presentation.

The Wednesday morning meeting will be the business meeting, with the election of officers and reports; also an address on Mexico by Dr. Albert Stauffacher. At the afternoon session there will be news from the foreign fields, presented by Rev. Clarence Neff of Foochow, and Miss Gertrude Cozad of Kobe, preceded by a dramatic sketch put on by First Church of Los Angeles, and followed by a reception to the missionaries. At the Fellowship Dinner presided over by Mrs. E. C. Norton, there will be other addresses on China and Japan, by natives of these countries. At the evening session Dr. Carl Knopf will speak on "What Youth Is Thinking."

At the Thursday morning session Miss Bertha Allen, just returned from Foochow, will speak, followed by an address by Dr. Raymond Brooks.

BOOK REVIEWS

New Testament Women and Problems of Today, by Madeline Sweeny Miller.

One of the finest little books on the subject that we have seen. The topics chosen are timely and the discussion which is intended merely to stimulate interest in the subject and not to exhaust it, is pertinent and suggestive. Questions concerning the finding of one's place in life, marriage, conflicts arising between the maintaining of a home and the pursuit of a business career, leisure, dress, the practice of the Christian faith, facing disappointments, finding one's place in the service of the church, all are discussed with vigor and insight.

Mrs. Miller is the teacher of a young women's Bible class, and by her training and experience, as this little book shows, well equipped to advise the younger members of her sex in the facing of life problems. We recommend the book heartily to all teachers of young women.

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The Heights of Christian Love, by Doremus A. Hayes.

This book is a beautifully written exposition of the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians. It is full of enthusiasm for the things of the spirit and reveals some of the reasons why the writer is so beloved by his students. Dr. Hayes, who is professor of New Testament Interpretation in the Graduate School of Theology at Evanston, Ill., knows how to relate scholarship to life. His keenness as a critic and scholar is manifested on every page, but is so closely linked with the practical aspects of exposition that the book can be read with profit and

pleasure by both critics and laymen.

The theme is divided into three parts, Climbing the Trail. On the Broad Table-Land, In the Heights. The figure is that of a climber toward new and unsuspected heights, who on every step of the trail, finds himself surrounded by a wonderland of beauty and spiritual power. The highest height reveals with fullness of vision and spiritual exaltation the table-land of love so wonderfully depicted by Paul in the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians.

There is material for many sermons here and the stimulus for a good many more as yet unwritten. For the energy that love bestows is dynamic and it can make even the least of the brethren a participant in the success of the greatest.

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A Faggot of Torches, by F. W. Boreham.

One of the well-known Boreham series and written in that author's familiar style. Boreham is an Englishman who has spent most of his life in Australia. He is at present the minister of the Baptist Church, Armadale, Victoria.

The volume is made up of little essays in religious biography graded with a text. One suspects that a good many of these essays have had pulpit use, which if true, ought to make them still more interesting to preachers. They are crowded with illustrations and references to the greater as well as the lesser known masterpieces of literature. A part of one's enjoyment in the reading of them is therefore bound up with the old friends one meets along the path.

Those who know Boreham will want to add this volume to their collections and will find satisfaction in its possession.

MISSIONARIES

The President Grant arrived April 7 bringing a number of our missionaries home: Miss Grace Boynton from North China, the Donaldson family from Foochow and Miss Mary D. Uline from the Boston office. Dr. Hemingway of Taiku, China, was expected, but he stopped over a boat at Honolulu.

These good friends were met at the steamer by Mrs. E. V. Krick, chairman of the Hospitality Committee of the Women's Federation, and by Mr. Eckles of the Conference office, bearing mail and other greetings.

Miss Bertha Allen arrived in San Francisco on March 24 and was met by Mrs. E. V. Krick. The Pacific School of Religion gave a reception for her the following day, but she did not remain with us. She is making her home at present in the South.

Clergy books have already arrived for the Bartletts, but so far we have received no word of their expected arrival.

We still have a number of copies of the Yearbook of Missions, if you wish to know anything about these people and their stations, and to pray for the work.

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Herman F. Swartz, President.
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WELCOME SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

With this number we inaugurate a new departure by which we will share our columns with the Southern Conference. As a courtesy arrangement we are giving them the first two pages in this issue with the understanding that they are to have pages three and four hereafter and the Northern Conference pages one and two. The Northern Conference will continue to be the publishers though the subscription lists and the submitted material will be handled by the officials of the respective groups. This paper is not published with any thought of profit. It is designed to get the news of California churches and officials to California Congregationalists in an efficient and attractive manner. We would like to have it in every Congregational home so we seek the heartiest co-operation of ministers and officials in this, our new endeavor. Give us five thousand subscribers and we will make it self-supporting. Welcome Southern California. Your fellowship will inspire us.

RENEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

With our entrance upon a joint use of The Pacific, the Northern Conference wishes to bring its subscriptions as near to date as possible. We are carrying quite a number of subscribers who are over two years in arrears. We dislike dropping them but will feel the necessity of doing so unless remittance is made early. A year passes quickly. The bills come monthly. Every change of subscription, renewal or change of address costs us five cents. If you remit for two or more years at a time it saves us that much money. We need five hundred more subscriptions on this end. Will our friends improve the present opportunity by helping us increase our list.

FEDERATION OF WOMEN OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

What was a great undertaking has become a great achievement.

The first executive board meeting of the women's organization under the new name of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California was held March 17, with more than sixty women in attendance. A fine enthusiasm was manifest throughout the entire day, beginning at 10:30 in the morning and continuing until 3 in the afternoon.

Much preliminary work had to be done at this meeting, but in the afternoon there were brief reports from various secretaries: Mrs. A. P. Peck for the foreign work touching on conditions in China as related to our representatives there; Miss Helen M. Perkins for the home department as she gathered interesting facts in a visit to the interdenominational Chinese School (Hip Wo) in San Francisco. Mrs. William Thorsen gave a close-up picture of the conference for young women at Mills College last year, as Mrs. Ira Candit did of the annual Conference of Congregational Young People at Asilomar.

A plea was made for the literature, especially for The Pacific, our organ for Congregationalism on the Pacific Coast.

Executive meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month, except June and July, in the First Congregational Church, Oakland. And to these meetings every woman in all of our churches is welcome. A new and outstanding feature is the appointment of a commissioner from each church who will gather and take back, in brief, the high lights of the meeting.

Attention is called to the brief reports that will appear in The Pacific from time to time.—MRS. J. P. PRUTZMAN.

STATE CONFERENCE

In planning your vacations this summer, bear in mind that our State Conference meets at Asilomar, August 1-8. Surely no one could find a better way to spend a week's vacation, nor a more delightful place to spend it than at Asilomar, to say nothing of the "fellowship of kindred minds." Mrs. Hodgdon will be with us again to lead the singing, and the program committee is at work to make the sessions as interesting as possible.

AN APPRECIATION

First Congregational Church
Berkeley, Calif.

March 22, 1927.

My Dear Mr. Minchin:

I want to tell you that I glance over "The Pacific" each month with a great deal of pleasure. It must add a good deal to your work, but I hope you feel that in bringing familiar names before us you give pleasure to hearts that love the brethren, and that the glimpses you are able to offer of churches up and down the coast help to renew our zest in the family.

Now you report a new departure. I keenly approve your proposal to associate Southern California affairs with ours. I have felt that we have as little to do with the south as we have with other states, and this is a pity. What you are now designing to do should increase very much the interest of the already attractive "Pacific" and enhance its value commensurably.

You must not reply to this. I know you have plenty to keep you going without my wishing anything extra onto you.

(Signed) OSWALD W. S. McCALL.

SLIDES

Since our notice in the March Pacific listing the slides here on the Coast, we have received another set from the American Missionary Association, "Our Mountain Top School," this dealing with Pleasant Hill Academy, Tennessee. The Conference office is now ready to accept dates for this lecture.

We have had several calls for the new set mentioned in a recent issue of the Congregationalist, "From Montezuma to Barbara Worth," but inquiry to the New York office reveals the fact that this set will not be ready until fall. We have asked for a set for the Coast when it is ready for distribution. When it arrives, notice will be given in these columns.

SETTLED

Have you visited the Conference rooms lately? We are almost settled again after the most recent-but-one merger, the most recent being that of uniting the two California Conferences in news for The Pacific. For about a month we were greatly upset by taking over the work, and quite a bit of literature and some furniture from the Educational office, necessitated by the closing of that office with the resignation of Mr. Prince. We have all of this material now stored in our rooms here, and also two more shipments of literature from the East, one from the American Board, and another from the American Missionary Association. With all we now have in our three rooms in the Phelan Building, we can pretty nearly say, if you want to know anything, ask us.

DR. ALMA LOCKE COOKE

Dr. Alma Locke Cooke will speak at the May meeting, May 19, of the Federation Board at First Church, Oakland, at 2 o'clock. This meeting is open to the public.

Dr. Cooke's physician will not permit her to take many speaking appointments. This will be a good opportunity for people to hear her, as there may not be many other opportunities around the Bay.

OMAHA DELEGATES, ATTENTION!

In purchasing tickets you will find that the summer excursion rate, available to any person, is a lower rate than clergy or convention rate.

The summer excursion rate is not available until Sunday morning, May 22. Many travelers are waiting for that date and trains will be crowded for a few days. It is very important that reservations be made in advance. If you wish to go on the Council car from Ogden, word should reach us at a very early date. We should have one or two carloads from Ogden to Omaha. This train will leave Ogden at 10:15 p. m. Monday, May 23, allowing both northwest and southwest delegations to be transferred to that Council car at Ogden.

Plan your trip early and be sure to reserve your space because of the crowded traffic on the last week in May.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

We have just received a little brown booklet entitled, "Year Book of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California." This is a mighty neat-appearing annual, and inside is brimful of information of all the varied work that the women have been carrying on. It contains reports of the chairmen of committees, a roster of local organizations, and finally, the new constitution recently adopted, besides the minutes of this annual meeting.

THANK OFFERING MATERIAL

The Commission on Missions has sent the Conference office a supply of the new thank offering material. Prices are as follows: a

Programs.....	\$1 per 100
Boxes.....	\$1 per 100
Invitations.....	70c per 100
Envelopes.....	50c per 100
Four Aims.....	Free with order
Suggestions.....	5 free with order

Send in your orders today. The designs are very appropriate to Easter.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION SPRING MEETING

On April 21 the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California held a spring meeting in Palo Alto.

There is to be a regular session of the executive board in the morning. At lunch time there will be some practical suggestions given, such as the planning of menus for church dinners and luncheons, and some suggestions for raising money. Mrs. Georgie Wiman, superintendent of attendance in schools in Santa Clara County, is going to give first-hand information about farm and cannery conditions in Santa Clara County.

The women are to take their lunches and the ladies of the church will serve tea and coffee.

DR. HAWKINS FOR FIRST SAN FRANCISCO

After careful search and investigation the supply committee, standing committee and directors have unanimously endorsed Dr. Chauncey J. Hawkins of Plymouth Church, Seattle, for the pastorate. His record in Seattle attracted the committee and the fact that he is a native born Californian in the prime of life, with fine organizing ability and preaching strength, determined the selection.

He is to occupy the pulpit of First Church the Sunday following Easter. No doubt his friends will welcome this opportunity of hearing him. The conference office hopes that Dr. Hawkins will come to California, as he will readily identify himself with our common tasks.

MISSIONARIES EVACUATING

The San Francisco Chronicle for April 7 carries the notice that our Congregational missionaries at Tientsin, and also a note from the American Board in Boston that a general evacuation of 135 missionaries in North China is proceeding. Previous reports said that only the women and children in the more inland stations were being withdrawn. No suggestion of the emergency which resulted in this action was given in the cablegram.

TURKEY

In spite of the fact that the Lusanne treaty was rejected by the senate, our missionaries are carrying on in Turkey. Their services are needed and they are still at work in Constantinople, Brouse, Smyrna, Mergifoun, Cesseria, Tarsus, Odina, Aintab and Marash. They report that the people are more approachable than ever, and in spite of all disappointments are full of hope for the future of Turkey.

MEXICO

In Jalisco, the state for which our Guadalajara station of the American Board is responsible in Mexico, we have four Mexican pastors, providing leadership for eight churches and sixteen chapels among a population of a million and a quarter.

There are eight cities of over ten thousand people, in two of which there are preaching places. Rev. Alfred C. Wright states that never have they had better chances than today, although according to the new regulations some changes have had to be made in the work.

AFRICA

Here is a sample of missionary heroism: Mrs. Frederick B. Bridgeman, who was Miss Davis, daughter of the famous Jerome Davis of the American Board mission in Japan, has gone back to Johannesburg, South Africa, where her husband won such a reputation for his work among the people of that great city and where he spent himself to such a degree that his visit in America last year was terminated by his untimely death. Mrs. Bridgeman has succeeded in raising twenty thousand dollars in America for a hospital which will be a memorial to her husband, and she is finding doors on every side in Johannesburg unlocked as she seeks to raise ten thousand dollars locally for the same purpose.

PICTURE STORIES

The Conference office still has a number of those Primary Picture Stories on Japan and on India, also some pictures on India. Any one desiring them may apply.

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SACRAMENTO VALLEY ASSOCIATION

The Sacramento Valley Association will be entertained by the Sacramento church on Monday and Tuesday, May 16th and 17th. A team of students from the Pacific School of Religion will put on a large part of the program on Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon. On Monday evening a communion service will be held and Dr. James L. Barton of the American Board will be the speaker.

UPPER BAY ASSOCIATION

Rio Vista entertained the Upper Bay Association on Monday, March 21, and all churches of the Association were represented by both pastor and delegates. It was the first time that many of our delegates had seen the church since its renovation and the hospitality was so abundant and the weather so delightful that a warm sympathy followed each of the speakers as they showed the church in its many moods and problems. All the ministers were given some part. In addition to the local ministers, Colbert, Owens, Stark, Champlin, Hannaford, Pollard, Floyd, there were Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Mrs. Edmond Owens, Rev. H. V. White of Stockton, Dr. T. T. Giffen of Fresno and the Conference Superintendent, William J. Minchin of San Francisco.

Dr. W. A. Tate, the minister and Mr. Peter Cook welcomed the delegates, Mrs. Pearl Campbell, the organist, gave a pleasant organ recital, two fine solos were rendered and the ladies served so bounteous and delightful a dinner that it was worthy of the name, banquet. The newly-elected officers were Mr. Baer of Pittsburg, Moderator; Dr. W. A. Tate of Rio Vista, Scribe. Dr. L. A. Stark was elected as delegate to the National Council with Rev. A. Pollard as alternate.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR—

The assistant superintendent had the privilege last Sunday morning of visiting the Broadmoor Church and its promising Sunday School. He saw a strange sight—a school too large for its quarters. However interesting and encouraging in may be to see things overflowing, it is evident that the only wise way to meet such a situation is to take care of the overflow. This is being done there temporarily by the use of tents; but an adequate building is imperative. Wise steps, it seems, are being taken by the church just now toward the getting of funds for this needed enlargement. The church service, at which Mr. Eckles preached, was also quite encouraging.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE—The work at Fruitvale is for the present in the efficient hands of Dr. F. W. Hodgdon, who preached there last Sunday.

ANTIOCH—On Sunday evening, March 13th, the Junior Choir made formal appearance in their new choir vestments, which they had earned by their own endeavors. The occasion was a sacred concert with a program of exceptionally good talent. Dr. Minchin was present and gave a short address. This service was one of a series of "Worth-while Services" that have been well attended. Under the leadership of Dr. Stark this church has made steady progress in all departments, especially in work with young people.

FRESNO JAPANESE—During the past month the pastor of our Japanese Church in Fresno, Rev. J. K. Fukushima, went off on a special evangelical tour, speaking in Santa Barbara, Watsonville, Monterey and Salinas, most of these meetings being the Spring Evangelical Campaign of the Japanese Church Federation. During his absence his wife carried on the Sunday School work at Del Rey.

RENO—Rev. William Moll Case, pastor of the Federated Church in Reno is a great believer in the printed page. A very attractive leaflet was recently distributed with full announcements of February the Loyalty Month. Another four-page folder sets forth the financial responsibilities of the church with a directory of the church officials. At the annual meeting it was reported that net additions to the church for the year were sixteen families and twenty-three persons. Nearly \$8,000 was raised from all sources. A Council of Religious Education was appointed to correlate the work of the church and Sunday school.

SACRAMENTO—The Open Forum held each Sunday evening at the Sacramento church has been a great success. Among the speakers who have been heard are Mr. Paul Harvey, formerly editor of the "Interpreter," Dr. Tully C. Knoles, Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, Prof. Anthony F. Blanks, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, Dr. Robert G. Aitken, Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, Dr. David P. Barrows and Dr. W. F. Bade. The congregations have been large and interesting. The silver offerings have thus far carried all expenses.

CERES—Ceres Church has its "Par Standard" chart marked and in the church. The Official Board appointed a committee of the Church Clerk, Treasurer, one Trustee, one Deacon, and a representative from the Woman's Association, to carefully go over the chart. This committee met after prayer-meeting and found that Ceres Church scores 320 out of a possible 380. On only one point did Ceres fail to score a single point. They have no Americanization work or service for foreigners, as it is so nearly a community where none such come in any touch with the church or its work.

The Bi-County Christian Endeavor Convention for Stanislaus and Merced counties meets with Ceres Church early in May. The president of the local C. E., a high school senior, is chairman of the general committee.

OUR CITY DIRECTOR

Northern and Southern California Conferences are having a visit from Dr. Luman H. Royce, director of city work under the Extension Boards. Dr. Royce has been assisting Dr. Kennigott during the past few weeks. He arrives in San Francisco Friday, April 8, and will be in this vicinity for a week or ten days. He has been invited to address the Ministers' Club Monday, April 11. Mrs. Royce is with him.

SAN MATEO—San Mateo church reports a hopeful outlook for a good Easter accession and a start on their new building. Their pastor, Dr. C. L. Kloss, is planning to attend the National Council at Omaha as delegate from Santa Clara Association.

FORT BIDWELL

The following meeting in the social hall of the Indian Church on the Fort Bidwell reservation last month will be of interest to our readers who are already interested in this Indian work.

The afternoon was spent in work by the Women's Sewing Chapter, after which there was a gathering of the village people. A young men's chorus gave a creditable program consisting of a speech, reading, instrumental music and choruses. A young man, a graduate of Haskell Institute, presided. Government employees who were guests and who know the Indians, expressed surprise not only for the program, but also for the neat and attractive table. The superintendent, Mr. O. C. Gray, made an address of encouragement, and the young people promised to do their best and often.

The supper hour was a merry time and the labor made easy by willing hands, for contrary to Indian tradition, the men helped the women. A long stick was used to bring the old and blind, and as they felt their way to the basement door, one missionary said to another, "When thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and thou shalt be blessed . . ."

The Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs, has recently given honorable recognition of the Women's Sewing Chapter, but better than this is the definite recognition of Jesus Christ by the boys and girls of the Boarding School, who receive one week-day instruction a week, aside from the Sunday services, in Bible and Christian living.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret that we learn of the passing of Mary E. Brereton, wife of Rev. John Brereton, Friday morning, March 25, 1927, at their home in Oroville. She leaves her husband, six children all married, and nine grandchildren. Mrs. Brereton was born in Ontario, Canada, and married in Wisconsin forty-seven years ago. This is the first and only death in the family in all these years. All the family were present at the end. Funeral services were held in the Congregational Church at Oroville and closed by cremation at Sacramento.

PARADISE—It is with deep regret that we learn of the continued and increased disability of our good friend, Rev. C. H. Daims, who, feeling that he must finally withdraw from the active ministry, has presented his resignation at Paradise, to take effect the last Sunday of this month.

WELCOME MR. PRESTON

Our Conference is enriched by the return of one of our former pastors, the Rev. B. C. Preston, who has established his residence in Palo Alto, where he enjoyed a pastorate prior to the coming to that field of Mr. Thorp. Mr. and Mrs. Preston are in their own home on Bryant street, which they recently built.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

May 16-17—Sacramento Valley at Sacramento.
May 17-18—Central at Lodi.
May 18—Sonoma at Guerneville.
May 19—Santa Clara at Redwood City.
May 20—Bay at New Pilgrim, Oakland.

CROCKETT

The Community Church at Crockett, under the leadership of Rev. Edmund Owens, has arranged a very attractive service for Passion Week. They have called on the pastors of the neighboring churches for special addresses. Rev. William Floyd of Bay Point, Rev. R. N. Powers of Rodeo, Rev. C. C. Champlin of Pittsburg, Rev. O. L. Linn of Walnut Creek and Rev. S. A. Hunter of Berkeley, Monday to Friday evenings, respectively. Special music will be furnished each evening by the various local choirs.

BON VOYAGE

Our best wishes go with Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor of our church at Campbell, as he leaves April 18 for a two months' leave to bring his wife and son over from London. We wish them a pleasant trip and a hearty welcome here.

BENEVOLENCES

January 11 to March 31, 1927

Alturas	\$ 15.00
Antioch	20.00
Berkeley, Bethlehem	3.92
Berkeley, First	1,819.97
Berkeley, No.	447.77
Ceres	140.00
Cloverdale	53.00
Cotati	41.37
Crockett	33.65
Eureka	69.10
Ferndale	12.50
Fresno, First	136.81
Fresno, Japanese	20.00
Grass Valley	53.53
Haywards	50.00
Lodi	300.00
Martinez	95.74
Niles	16.47
Oakland, First	2,062.42
Oakland, Funit	28.50
Oakland, Plymouth	361.55
Pacific Grove	58.75
Palo Alto	300.00
Parlier	10.00
Petaluma	225.55
Reno, Nev.	167.20
Salida	5.00
San Francisco, First	600.00
San Francisco, Chinese	5.00
San Francisco, Richmond	22.60
San Jose	264.23
San Mateo	133.65
Santa Cruz	120.00
Santa Rosa, First	123.78
Sonoma	43.75
Tipton	10.75
Tulare	10.00
Woodside	31.50
Miscellaneous	392.50

\$8,310.38

Distribution

Home Board	\$1,439.62
Foreign Board	2,406.67
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